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1. CARTHAGE RESEARCH PROPOSAL AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH (ASOR) WILL BE REVIEWED BY SMITHSONIAN ARCHEOLOGICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MID-JANUARY AND FINAL DECISION FUNDING LIKELY BY MARCH 1 AT THE LATEST. UNUSUAL DELAY ESSENTIAL COMPLETE REVIEW PROJECTS ALL DISCIPLINES BEFORE COMMITTING FUNDS WHICH EMBASSY AWARE IN ESPECIALLY SHORT SUPPLY THIS FISCAL YEAR. WHEN DECISION MADE, SMITHSONIAN WILL IMMEDIATELY INFORM EMBASSY TO PERMIT INFORMAL APPROACH TO MOFA UNDER TERMS 1968 AGREEMENT.

2. SMI HAD HOPED EMBASSY ADEQUATELY INFORMED AS CARTHAGE PROJECT EVOLVED THROUGH VISIT NEWMAN, PEDLEY ET AL. SMI PROGRAM FUNCTIONS LIKE NSF'S WITH DECISION ON USE EACH YEAR'S FUNDS TAKEN AFTER
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RECEIPT OF APPROPRIATION AND OFTEN FOR WORK PLANNED TO START IN

SAME FISCAL YEAR. DEVELOPMENT EACH PROJECT USUALLY TWO STAGE PROCESS, E.E. 1) APPROVAL RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT, (CARTHAGE PROJECT HAS ONLY THIS APPROVAL TO DATE) AND 2) RESEARCH PROPER (NOT YET APPROVED FOR CARTHAGE PROJECT). FINAL APPROVAL USUALLY TAKES PLACE THREE TO SIX MONTHS AHEAD OF IMPLEMENTATION AND ONLY AFTER U.S. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR HAS FORWARDED EVIDENCE PERMISSION FROM APPROPRIATE HOST COUNTRY INSTITUTION. STATUS AS FORMAL PROJECT WITH SMITHSONIAN APPROVAL SUFFICIENT TO MERIT PRESENTATION TO MOFA ACQUIRED ONLY RATHER LATE IN THE PROCESS WHICH IT APPEARS CAN CAUSE DIFFICULTIES FOR THE EMBASSY. SINCE THIS IS THE CASE SMITHSONIAN HAPPY 1) ASK UNITED STATES GRANTEE INSTITUTIONS PLAN NEW PROJECT STARTS WITH ADVANCE NOTICE TO MOFA IN MIND AND 2) TRANSMIT APPROVED PROJECT PROPOSALS TO EMBASSY IN TIMELY WAY. 3) MEANTIME SMITHSONIAN POUCHING TEXT ASOR PROPOSAL CARTHAGE WHICH NOT REPEAT NOT YET APPROVED. INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSAL ARE TEXTS OF ASOR AGREEMENT WITH THE INSTITUTE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND ART, FULL DESCRIPTION RESEARCH, BUDGET, SCHEDULE AND PERSONNEL.

4. FURTHER DEPT COMMENTS RE PARA 4 REFTTEL AND STATUS
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